

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CORK CITY COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008**

**PRESENT** An tArdmhéara, Comhairleoir D. Counihan in the chair.

**NORTH EAST** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, D. Murphy, A. Spillane.

**NORTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí M. Barry, C. Clancy, G. O'Flynn, D. Wallace, P. Gosch.

**NORTH WEST** Comhairleoirí J. O'Brien, M. O' Connell, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Callaghan.

**SOUTH EAST** Comhairleoirí C. O' Leary, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, J. Corr, L. McGonigle.

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Comhairleoirí T. O' Driscoll, L. Kingston, F. Kerins.

**SOUTH WEST** Comhairleoirí F. Dennehy, M. Shields, B. Bermingham, J. Buttiner.

**ALSO PRESENT** Mr. J. Gavin, City Manager.  
Mr. D. Buggy, Assistant City Manager.  
Mr. K. Terry, Director of Services & City Engineer, Planning & Development.  
Mr. S. Kearney, Director of Services, Housing & Community.  
Mr. D. O'Mahony, Director of Services, Corporate Affairs.  
Mr. J. O'Riordan, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs.  
Ms. J. Gazely, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Affairs.

An tArdmhéara recited the opening prayer.

**1.(a) VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

A vote of sympathy was passed unanimously with An Chomhairle standing in silence to:-

- Gavin Family on the death of Mary Gavin.
- Nolan Family on the death of Fr. Michael Nolan PP.
- Rodgers Family on the death of Jerry Rodgers.
- Barry Murphy Family on the death of Betty Barry Murphy.
- Whitty Family on the death of Margaret Whitty.
- Listan Family on the death of Kit Ahern.
- Kearney Family on the death of Michael Kearney.
- Sanquest Family on the death of George Sanquest.
- O'Leary Family on the death of Norma O'Leary.
- Cooney Family on the death of Gerry Cooney.
- Buckley Family on the death of Tom Buckley.

1.(b) **VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

An Chomhairle extended a vote of congratulations to Pat Falvey and Dr. Claire O'Leary on reaching the South Pole.

2. **MINUTES**

- The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of An Chomhairle held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 were considered and approved.
- The Minutes of the Budget Meeting 2008 held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007 were considered and approved.

3. **QUESTIONS**

3.1 **PITCHES/ PLAYING AREAS IN THE CITY**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Request the Manager to:

- (a)Please enumerate and name all official sporting clubs with pitches/playing areas and their location in Cork City.
- (b)What is the demand for pitches/playing areas within the City as presently known.
- (c)How does this Council propose to meet this demand within the City.

**(a) SOCCER**

Avondale	Beaumont
Casement Celtic	Carrigrohane
Castleview	Churchfield
Evergreen	Deerpark
Greenmount	Togher
Kilreen	Ballyphehane
Mayfield Utd	Mayfield
Nufarm Athletic	Knocknaheeny
Ringmahon Rangers	Mahon
St. Mary's	Pophams Road
Templemount	Churchfield
CIT	Bishopstown
UCC	Bishopstown
Togher Rovers	Togher
Leeds	Ballyvolane
Glen Celtic	Glen
Glasheen	Bishopstown

Tramore Athletic	Douglas
Central Rovers	Churchfield
Fairview FC	Knocknaheeny
Grattan Utd	Knocknaheeny
Greenmount Rangers	Bishopstown
Greenwood	Togher
Inter City Celtic	Farranree
Knocknaheeny Celtic	Knocknaheeny
Pearse Celtic	Togher
Dunbar Celtic	Bishopstown
Village United	Mayfield
Villa Utd.	Farranree

## GAA CLUBS

Ballinure	Mahon
Ballyphehane	Ballyphehane
Bishopstown	Bishopstown
Blackrock	Blackrock
Brian Dilllons	Mayfield
CIT	Bishopstown
Lough Rovers	Carrigrohane
Fr. O'Callaghan's	Knocknaheeny
Mayfield	Mayfield
Na Piarsaigh	Fairhill
Nemo Rangers	Trabeg
St. Finbarrs	Togher
St. Michaels	Mahon
St. Nicholas	Ballyvolane
St. Vincents	Knocknaheeny
Glen Rovers	Ballyvolane

## Rugby

Cork Constitution	Ballintemple
Dolphin	Musgrave Park
Sundays Well	Musgrave Park
Highfield	Bishopstown
UCC	Mardyke

## Pitch & Putt

Riverside Pitch & Putt Club	Bishopstown
Ballinlough Pitch & Putt Club	Ballinlough

St. Annes Pitch & Putt Club	Shanakiel
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### **Cricket**

Cork County Cricket Club	Mardyke
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There are numerous other clubs whose pool of players come from within the City but who are using facilities outside the City boundary eg Wilton Utd., Delaneys GAA Club.

(b) The Cork Recreational Needs Study 2003 showed that GAA and rugby needs are reasonably catered for, except for camogie, but that there is a major demand for soccer pitches within the City area.

(c) The City Council is the major provider of playing facilities in the City providing 69 playing pitches throughout the City. Work is nearing completion on the Mahon Sports Project, a suite of four soccer pitches, 3 GAA pitches and a Camogie pitch at Mahon. The Council is also looking to provide two extra soccer pitches at Churchfield (former Nash's Field). Land was also purchased at Leemount, Carrigrohane two years ago with a view to developing seven pitches – development of these lands is dependent on clarification regarding the requirements of the National Roads Authority for the Northern Ring Road. The Council is also developing a pitch at Kinsale Road on part of the old landfill site.

The Council has also been very proactive in the provision of All Weather Pitches in recent years, with four being provided at Leisureworld Bishopstown, 8 at the Sam Allen Centre, Churchfield, 6 pitches at the Glen Resource Centre with work nearly complete on a further two, with two more pitches planned for Togher and a further four at Mahon.

### **3.2 PUBLIC SIGN ON SHANDON STREET**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir P. Gosch, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

When will the public sign dating back to 2004, which is now an eyesore, be removed from Shandon Street?

This sign will be removed week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> January.

### **3.3 REFURBISHMENTS/ REGENERATION PROGRAMME FOR NOONAN'S ROAD**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir L. Kingston, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

To ask the Manager please with regards to the housing refurbishments/regeneration programme for Noonan's Road, Fort Street and Dean Street area. Can you please give me details on the following points:

When will work commence on this project?

Over what estimated time will it take to complete this programme?

To outline with examples of what work is to be done?

Will tenants be rehoused during this period while work is being carried out?

Following on previous commitments, Consultant Architects have been engaged to prepare plans for the flat complex at Noonan's Road. A meeting with Ward Members will be held in the coming weeks to discuss the plans for refurbishment and it is envisaged that a Part 8 for the project will come before Council in April/May. Work is expected to commence later this year. The proposals will involve the general upgrading of the flat complexes and the possible decanting of residents will be further explored during the implementation phase of the project.

### **3.4 REPAY MONIES TO SCHOOLS TO DATE FOR WATER CHARGES**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir D. McCarthy, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Will the Manager agree to repay all monies received from school's to date for water charges?

The Government has revised the system for charging schools for water services by introducing transitional arrangements pending schools being charged on a full cost recovery and volumetric basis with effect from 1 January 2010.

These transitional arrangements include the following

- 1) For 2007, a flat rate of €3.00 per pupil will apply. Bills for 2007 are to be recalculated on this basis and schools are to be given a credit in respect of any excess payment. Outstanding bills for 2007 will be revised on this basis.
- 2) For 2008, a flat rate of €3.50 per pupil will apply.
- 3) For 2009, a flat rate of €4.00 per pupil will apply.
- 4) If actual usage as recorded by a meter would produce a lower charge than the flat rate, the lower bill will apply for the transition period.
- 5) The arrangements will apply to recognised primary, non-fee-paying secondary, community, comprehensive and vocational schools having their own service connection
- 6) Apart from any readjustment to arrears for 2007 arising from the recalculation of bills at the rate of €3.00 per pupil, schools are legally liable to pay all other outstanding arrears, regardless of the number of years involved. Schools owing arrears of water charges are being advised to discuss a payment arrangement for the outstanding arrears with the relevant local authority.

### **3.5 ST. PATRICK'S BRIDGE IN TOTAL DARKNESS**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. O'Callaghan, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Is the Manager aware that St. Patrick's Bridge was in near total darkness over the Christmas period and for the last two months due to the failure of the ESB to replace public lighting, and will he convey to the ESB management our disgust at the situation?

The decorative lights on the parapet of St. Patrick's Bridge have been the subject of continuous vandalism over the years. A new refurbishment and upgrading scheme for the lights has been designed, which will involve replacing/refurbishment the four existing columns of lanterns and the addition of two more. A further two columns of lanterns may be added in the future depending on the assessment of the original refurbishment scheme.

The provision of lighting on the bridge involves sensitive environmental and heritage issues, and detailed research and contact has been made with the relevant authorities. The bridge is one of the major city icons, and indeed has national importance and all works carried on the bridge have to be done in this context.

Improvement works on the public lighting on the bridge will begin in the next two months.

### **3.6 WITHDRAW PLANNING APPLICATION AT BOHERBOY ROAD**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

On the agenda of Council on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2007 I had a motion calling on City Council to withdraw its application to build c 148 units at Boherboy Road because the proposed density was too high, the roof type proposed was not in keeping with that in use in the area. The proposal as submitted has little or no support and should be withdrawn immediately. A proposal to build 90 or so conventional (pitch roofed) two storey and single storey houses could be submitted and would be likely to have little or no opposition. Such a revised proposal would also be in accordance with the proper planning of the area.

Cork City Council has submitted a planning application to Cork County Council for the provision of 148 housing units, a childcare facility and a multi user games area (Muga).

The City Council is satisfied that the scheme as submitted is in accordance with the proper planning for the area, is a high quality sustainable housing development and will provide much needed Social & Affordable housing in the area. The Ward

Members and the local community were consulted and circulated with the plans for the development in advance of the planning application being lodged with the County Council.

Cork County Council will issue a decision on the planning application early in 2008.

3.7 **CYCLEWAYS IN THE CITY**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir J. Buttiner, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Can the City Manager indicate and comment on:

- (a) The length in kilometers or miles of cycle laneways currently provided in the city.
  - (b) The amount of additional cycleways to be provided during 2008.
  - (c) The number of approved bicycle parking berths available in the city.
  - (d) The number of proposed bicycle parking berths to be provided in 2008.
  - (e) Additional plans to promote the use of cycling in the city during 2008.
- a) There are approximately 11 kilometres of dedicated cycleways or cycle tracks in the City. There are also 13 kilometers of bus lanes which are for the exclusive use of buses, taxis and cyclists.
  - b) Approximately 4 kilometres of a cycleway will be installed in 2008 as part of the Ballincollig Green Route project along the existing walkway at the Curraheen River between Curraheen Road and Model Farm Road.
  - c) There are approximately 300 parking spaces for bicycles in the City Centre.
  - d) It is planned to provide as additional 50 parking spaces for bikes in the City Centre, each year for the next three years.
  - e) Use of cycling is heavily promoted during Mobility Week held every September. There are also plans this year to produce a cycling guide for the City and to provide additional promotional information on cycling on the internet.

3.8 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER ON BUILDING ON THE NORTH GATE BRIDGE**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir C. Clancy, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

Has a Compulsory Purchase Order been issued on the buildings on the North Gate Bridge adjacent to O'Connor's Funeral Home?

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2005, Cork City Council served Notice of Intention to Acquire this site under Section 15 of the Derelict Sites Act.

An objection to the compulsory acquisition was received from a sitting tenant, Aidan Looney, and the application was referred to An Bord Pleanala for their consent to proceed with the compulsory acquisition.

An Bord Pleanala made an order on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2005 granting consent to Cork City Council's application for consent to the compulsory acquisition of the site. This would give Cork City Council entitlement to vest the property under the Derelict Sites Act.

Cork City Council has, however, held the issuing of a Vesting Order in this case, due to outstanding legal proceedings in the Circuit Court between the owners of the property, R. Cronin & Sons Limited, and a lessee Aidan Looney. Cork City Council is not a party to the proceedings and has therefore held from issuing the Vesting Order pending the outcome of these legal proceedings.

### **3.9      DISC PARKING IN MARINA PARK, BLACKROCK**

In response to the following question submitted by Comhairleoir T. Shannon, a written reply was circulated as outlined below:-

To outline what proposals, if any, there are to install Disc Parking in Marina Park, Blackrock. Have any discussions taken place with local residents regarding installing Disc Parking here. If Disc Parking were to be installed here, what time scale is involved?

Over 12 months ago, discussions on proposals to implement disc parking controls were held with the residents of Marina Park, Blackrock Road.. This is normal practice, where actual layouts of proposed pay parking areas are agreed with the local residents before the controls are put in place.

No response was received back from the residents on the disc parking proposals, and it was decided to withhold the installation of the parking controls for the time being. If the residents of Marina Park contact the Traffic Division with an agreed parking layout, the putting in place of the controls can be incorporated into this year's roads programme.

### **4.      CIVIC RECEPTIONS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Civic Receptions:-

- Fachtna Murphy on his appointment as Commissioner of An Garda Síochana.
- Pat Falvey and Dr Claire O'Leary on reaching the South Pole.

- David Marcus on his contribution to Irish literature, as a writer and an encourager of writing.

5. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

5.1 **CORK DOCKLANDS**

Following the suspension of Standing Orders, An Chomhairle discussed an appeal to the Minister for Finance regarding Tax Incentives for the Docklands and to discuss an appeal to the Department of An Taoiseach to include at least three members of Cork City Council on the Cork Docklands Development Forum.

(a) On the proposal of Comhairleoir M. Quill, seconded by Comhairleoir J. O'Callaghan, An Chomhairle unanimously agreed that an all Party delegation will seek a meeting with the Minister of Finance immediately to discuss tax incentives available to the Cork Docklands.

(b) An Chomhairle unanimously agreed that further correspondence should be forwarded to the Department of An Taoiseach expressing their dissatisfaction that no elected members were nominated to the Cork Docklands Development Forum.

5.2 **SWANSEA/ CORK FERRY SERVICE 2008**

Following the suspension of Standing Orders, An Chomhairle discussed their concerns at the possible lack of a Swansea/ Cork Ferry Service in 2008.

6. **ITEMS DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

6.1 **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

6.1(a) **PARKING FINE SYSTEM – ILLEGAL PARKING**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the Director of Services dated 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 on the following motions which were referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

- ‘That Cork City Council re-instates a parking fine system which notifies motorists of their illegal parking at the time of their alleged offence on the grounds that:
- The present ticketless system only informs motorists that they have been fined weeks after the event which in turn both undermines due process along with creating additional bureaucracy.

- The placing of parking tickets on windscreens acts as a visible deterrent which discourages further illegal parking.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Lynch 07/054)

'That Cork City Council would end the policy of non placing of parking tickets and from a date in April recommence the practice of parking tickets being placed on vehicles windscreens.'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttiner 07/059)

On the proposal of Comhairleoir C. Clancy, seconded by Comhairleoir T. Brosnan, a vote was called for on the following amendment to the report of the Director of Services where there appeared as follows;

**"That a sticker/notice be placed on the vehicle by the Traffic Warden at the time of the offence being committed".**

**FOR:** Comhairleoirí T. Brosnan, J. Kelleher, M. Barry, C. Clancy, M. O' Connell, D. O' Flynn, T. Shannon, L. McGonigle, S. Martin, L. Kingston, M. Shields, J. Buttiner.-(12)

**AGAINST:** Comhairleoirí M. Quill, D. Murphy, A. Spillane, D. Wallace, J. O'Brien, J. O'Callaghan, D. Counihan, C. O' Leary, J. Corr, F. Kerins, F. Dennehy, B. Bermingham. – (12)

As the vote was tied, An tArd-Mhéara cast his deciding vote against an amendment to the report of the Director of Services.

An tArd-Mhéara declared the vote lost, and the report of the Director of Services approved.

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir D. Wallace, An Chomhairle agreed that motorists should be notified within one week of traffic offence. This procedure will be further reviewed after a trial period of 6 months.

Comhairleoir T. Brosnan's opposition to the report of the Director of Services on Parking Fine System – Illegal Parking, at his request was noted.

## 7. CORPORATE POLICY GROUP 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007

### 7.1 MONETARY SUPPORT FOR CORK OLYMPIAN

On the proposal of Comhairleoir D. Wallace, seconded by Comhairleoir J. Corr, An Chomhairle approved the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group on the following motion which was referred to the Corporate Policy Group.

‘That, in line with our support for previous Cork Olympians, Robert Heffernan our “world class” walker will be given €5,000 as a gesture of our support for his participation in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin, Cllr. J. Corr, Cllr. M. Ahern, Cllr. C. O’Leary, Cllr. M. Barry, Cllr. F. Kerins and Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/377)

The group agreed to give €5,000 as a gesture of An Chomhairle support for his participation in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

8. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

8.1 **PROPOSED VARIATION (NO 6) CORK CITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004**

An Chomhairle considered the report of the City Manager dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 on the proposed variation (No 6) of Cork City Development Plan 2004 – Bishopstown and Wilton Area Action Plan. On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir M. Shields, An Chomhairle approved the report of the City Manager, dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and adopted the following resolution.

**“RESOLVED THAT**, pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to make Variation No. 6 Bishopstown & Wilton Area Action Plan, Cork City Development Plan 2004, as modified by the recommendations of the City Manager’s Report dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2007.”

8.2 **ESTABLISH TOURIST/HERITAGE TRAIL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Development and City Engineer dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council establish Tourist or Heritage Trails consulting with the necessary specialist in the field thus allowing the City Council to promote develop and celebrate the rich diverse and vibrant culture of the city so that it can be shared by local communities tourists alike.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/405)

The report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development and City Engineer stated that Action 2.6 of the Heritage Plan is to “Audit existing and identify new Heritage trails, Heritage buildings and Heritage sites, open to the public in the City with particular reference to accessibility and appropriate interpretation” This action has been prioritised for 2008 and an application has been made to the Heritage Council to part- fund this action.

### **8.3 AREA PLAN FOR THE SOUTH TERRACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services, Planning and Development and City Engineer dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Council up-date its area plan for the South Terrace and surrounding streets given that there are proposals to have five major educational institutes in close proximity to each other in this district. The plan should address issues in relation to parking, accommodation and other student related facilities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O'Driscoll 07/374)

The report of the Director of Services, Planning & Development and City Engineer stated that the City Development Plan is currently under review. Due to the resource commitments associated with this process the undertaking of an update of the plan for the South Terrace area alone is not possible at this time. However, the points raised by Cllr. T. O' Driscoll will be taken into account as part of the review of the City Centre chapter of the Development Plan.

### **9. RECREATION, AMENITY & CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

#### **9.1 FUNDS TO ENABLE THE COUNCIL TO PURCHASE PRIVATE SPORT GROUNDS**

On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir B. Birmingham An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council will explore the feasibility of establishing a fund which would enable the Council to purchase sports grounds, pitches and green open spaces which are zoned for amenity purposes and are in private ownership, should the owners of the aforementioned facilities wish to terminate their activities or to move them to another location’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Corr 07/386)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council is the major provider of sports pitches within the City providing 67 pitches with work nearing completion on a further four pitches at Mahon. In tandem with direct provision, the Council recognises the importance and value of sports pitches within the City as a whole, pitches being an important local recreation resource, there being a presumption against development of playing pitches in the City Development Plan

Policy NHR 12 of the Plan states “to protect the existing supply of sporting facilities, there will be a general presumption against the loss of pitches for development”.

Similarly with green open spaces, under Policy NHR 11, there is a presumption against development of any such spaces further strengthened by the recent Variation No. 5 of the Development Plan. The protection of pitches and open spaces in the City Development Plan is seen as the strongest mechanism available to the Council to ensure that these remain as amenities, it not being considered necessary to seek to purchase lands at present.

9.2 **BYELAW TO PREVENT MOTORISED VEHICLES USING PUBLIC AMENITY AREAS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council introduce a Byelaw to prevent any motorised vehicles using public amenity areas.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/242)

The report of the Director of Services stated that Draft Byelaws for the management and protection of public amenity areas are presently being prepared and these byelaws will include provision for the control of motorised vehicles.

The Draft Byelaws will be presented to the next Strategic Policy Committee meeting for consideration.

10. **RECREATION, AMENITY & CULTURAL FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

10.1 **ENCOURAGE PEDESTRIANS TO USE CITY’S WALKWAYS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That this Council implementing its policy to facilitate and encourage pedestrians on the City’s lengthy walkways will provide in its budget specifically to put a programme in place to:

1. Once a year clean the Walkways and Rivers e.g. Glasheen/ Curraheen.
2. Encourage and facilitate wildlife.
3. Install appropriate seating along its route.
4. Provide lighting (for safety reasons)

- 5 Develop Cycleways to bring more people on to these attractive walkways and to encourage Cycling in Safety away from traffic
6. Please consider the walkway from the Bandon to Sarsfield Road as a pilot project as more and more people are complaining that this great amenity is unsafe due to incidents referred to the Gardaí.'
7. Monitor and report yearly on the state of all walkways and their adjacent rivers/ streams etc to Committee/ Council.'

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Birmingham 07/351)

The report of the Director of Services stated that:-

1. The City walkways and adjacent rivers are cleaned on a regular basis throughout the year, some stretches of individual walkways receive a clean-up two/three times a week due to littering etc., provision is provided in the Parks budget for this scheduled maintenance work.
2. Maintenance schedules on Walkways and Rivers are in keeping with best practice to facilitate and encourage wildlife i.e. mowing operations take account of nesting and flowering seasons.
3. Seating is provided at selected locations along walkways where it is considered this will not give rise to anti-social gatherings, however, seating has been removed in recent years from some sections of walkways because of unsocial gatherings and intimidation of walkers and cyclists.
4. The location and nature of most amenity walks is such that they may present a safety risk after dusk irrespective of whether public lighting is provided or not. Present Policy is that public lighting will be provided on walkways that are being upgraded to Walkway/Cycleway status. Two walkways are scheduled to be upgraded in early 2008, Lee Fields Walk and Curraheen River Walk and public lighting will be provided along the length of both these walks.
5. As referred to the above, a number of walkways are being upgraded to Walk/Cycleways status in association with the Council's Traffic Dept. A survey of other walkways is underway to establish their suitability as cycleways.
6. The Glasheen River Walk between Bandon Road Roundabout and Sarsfield Road Roundabout is maintained on a regular basis and involves collection and disposal of litter and rubbish, grass maintenance and pruning trees and shrubs. The walk is extremely well used by local residents and the number of reported unsocial behaviour incidents appears low and are dealt with promptly by local Gardaí and Parks Staff.
7. All walkways are managed and monitored closely by the relevant Parks Foreman and his staff and the frequency of inspection is based on his experience of what is required. These observations along with the current state of the walkways will be reported to Recreation, Amenity and Culture Functional Committee on a yearly basis.

In addition to the above, I can advise that the Tramore River Walk between Old Kinsale Road and Togher Road is presently being upgraded in partnership with the

County Council and this will include renewing the vandalised public lights with a more vandal proof light on the underpass at the South Ring Road. It is also proposed to sign post all walkways with appropriate signage and distance markers in 2008.

10.2 **FACILITATE PHYSICAL EXERCISE FOR THE AGE GROUP 50+ WITHIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That this Council put in place opportunities to facilitate physical exercise for the age Group 50+ and others, weekly exercise sessions with a trained Instructor, outdoors and indoors weather permitting, within residential areas for example, the Lough, Glashduv Park, etc in cooperation with local Community Associations and Older Persons Organisations as City Council's increasing contributions to the health of its Citizens.'

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Birmingham 07/352)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council is the major provider of sports and recreation facilities within the City. As well as sports facilities such as swimming and leisure centres, sport halls, All Weather Pitches, grass pitches etc., the Council has provided and maintains walkways, parks, cycleways. A new exercise trail for older people is due to be installed at Mahon early in the New Year funded by RAPID at a cost of €70K which if successful will be extended to other areas over time.

Cork City Local Sports Partnership, on which City Council and the H.S.E. is represented, is shortly to prepare a Strategic Plan for Development of Sport within the City, part of which will involve exploring ways of increasing physical activity amongst older people.

Go for Life is the national programme for sport and physical activity for older people. The thrust of the programme is to empower and enable older people by reaching out to active retirement associations, senior citizens groups, day car and community centres around the country.

In the City, the programme is administered by the Health Promotion Officers of the HSE., who deliver presentations to active retirement groups, train older people to become leaders of physical activities in their own groups etc.

In addition to this a National Grant Scheme for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People operates each year to help club/organizations to enhance existing opportunities for older members to actively participate in recreational sport and a

range of physical activities. Many community groups and leisure centres throughout the City organize specific organized activities for older people at present.

The City Council's primary role is to provide a range of quality recreational opportunities for the citizens of Cork and not organization of physical exercise. However, it will work with and support agencies in encouraging greater physical activity amongst all age/groups in the City.

#### 10.3 **FIVE YEAR SPORT PLAN FOR THE CITY**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council make a fund of 400,000 euro available for the new Sports Committee which can operate a grant scheme similar to that prevailing under the present Arts Committee. The Committee also to develop a five year sport plan for the City.'

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/403)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council established a Sports Committee in late 2006, with a budget in 2007 of €500,000 for a Sports Capital Grant Scheme to assist various clubs/sporting organizations in enhancing facilities, throughout the City. The role of the Committee is to encourage and support the provision of well managed sporting facilities of real benefit to local communities in the City, encourage increased participation in sport, encourage maximum usage of sports facilities, enhanced planning for sport within the City etc.

It will be a matter for the Committee to consider developing plans or initiatives in relation to sport in the City.

#### 10.4 **MAJOR OUTDOOR EVENTS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Council would set up a sub-committee to work at securing major outdoor events for Cork City.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O'Driscoll 07/328)

The report of the Director of Services stated that the City Council is a member of the Cork Marketing Partnership and is a major sponsor of the work of the Partnership.

The Partnership includes Cork Airport, the Cork Chamber, the Irish Hotels Federation, The Port of Cork and Cork County Council.

One of the major elements of the Marketing Partnership is the Cork Convention Bureau which is operating for less than a year. The Convention Bureau is dedicated to securing and supporting Conference and Business Tourism to the city.

The Convention Bureau is supported by the various stakeholders and is staffed by Ms Anne Cronin, Business Development Officer. The Bureau is successful in supporting Hotels and Conference organisers in making bids for events and in preparing packages for presentation to the organisers of incentive travel, conferences etc. It should be noted that the city is successful in organising and supporting a wide range of events and festivals from The Choral Festival to the Jazz Festival, The Midsummer Festival and many more.

The City Council is leading the organisation of the Cork City Marathon which is just entering its second year and is supporting the Ocean to City Rowing Race. There is potential to grow and promote these events to bring substantial economic and social benefit to the city.

It is essential that opportunities are identified and followed up. As part of its three year Business Plan, the Cork Marketing Partnership intends to develop a programme of action to support and market existing events and to identify and follow up new events. The range and number of partners involved in the Cork Marketing Partnership makes it a suitable vehicle to present the city and region as an excellent location for large scale events.

The City Council is represented at elected and official level on the Partnership and there is a close working relationship between the two organisations. The Marketing Partnership can be requested to give particular attention to attracting major outdoor events over the coming years.

11. **CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8 p.m. and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 8.30 p.m

12. **HOUSING & COMMUNITY FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008**

12.1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the month of December 2007.

## **12.2 ANNUAL REPORT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services on Housing for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2007.

## **12.3 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT SPRIGGS ROAD**

An Chomhairle considered the proposed development at Spriggs Road, Gurranabraher, Cork and the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2008 thereon. On the proposal of Comhairleoir J. Corr, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle approved the proposed development at Spriggs Road, Gurranabraher, Cork and the report of the Director of Services thereon. The report of the Director of Services stated that the proposed development consists of;

- The refurbishment including alterations and extensions to 36 existing apartment units at 23-58 at Sprigg's Road to include the removal of the existing staircases and canopies over, the incorporating of external entrance corridors into apartments / duplex units, the provision of new entrance steps and doorways, replacement of windows, doors, rendering of external facades, extension to apartments to the rear at ground floor level plus the provision for balconies for duplex over, reduction of duplex units from 3 bed to 2 bed units plus associated site works.
- Construction of 1 no. 3 bed duplex over 2 bed apartment at Sprigg's Road
- Construction of 1 no. 3 bed house at Templeacre Avenue / St. Mary's Place plus associated site works.
- Conversion of open area bounded by Sun Valley Drive, Sprigg's Road and St. Mary's Avenue to enclose park.
- Closing off of access roadway between Sprigg's Road & Templeacre Road / St. Mary's Place.

Access to the development will be via Templeacre Avenue.

The report of the Director of Services stated that Cork City Council has advertised the proposed development as required by Article 17 of the Planning and development Regulations, 2006. The proposed development described above is to be carried out by Cork City Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Attached is a site location map and site layout drawing of the proposed development.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for public inspection for the prescribed period. The period within which any submissions or observations were to be made ended on the 27th November, 2007.

For some time the existing flats have experienced a high turnover of tenancies and a high incidence of anti-social behaviour on the adjacent laneway. There is poor definition and ownership of external space and the sharing of communal entrance alleys and stairwells has caused difficulties in terms of management and security. The

flats and laneway have impacted negatively and detracted from the general locality and the entire complex is in need of regeneration.

One submission was received within the specified period in relation to the proposed development. The submission was received from the Spriggs Road Residents Group, c/o 55 Spriggs Road. The submission welcomed the proposals for the regeneration of the flats complexes and specific items raised in relation to the internal layout of the individual units will be carried out during the construction phase of the project.

There is substantial demand for social housing across the entire city. At December 31st, 2007 there were 6257 eligible applicants seeking local authority housing with a further 779 applicants awaiting assessment. The proposed scheme will provide much needed accommodation and will help to meet housing demand on the Northside of the city.

The proposed development is considered to be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan. The proposal has been considered by the Planning and Development Directorate, the Roads and Transportation Directorate, the Environment Directorate and the Recreation, Amenity and Culture Directorate and all have indicated that they consider the proposed development to be acceptable.

12.4 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME AT 1, HILLSBOROUGH, OLD BLACKROCK ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2008 in relation to the approval of a loan facility to Galtan Housing Association in respect of 4 Units at 1, Hillsborough, Old Blackrock Road, Cork under the Capital Assistance Scheme. On the proposal of Comhairleoir S. Martin, seconded by Comhairleoir G. O'Flynn, An Chomhairle further adopted the following resolution:-

**"RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, that a loan facility not exceeding €725,000 to be granted to Galtan Housing Association subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme"

12.5 **CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME AT 2, FERNHURST VILLAS, COLLEGE ROAD, CORK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2008 in relation to the approval of a loan facility to Galtan Housing Association in respect of 6 Units at 2, Fernhurst Villas, College Road, Cork under the Capital Assistance Scheme. On the proposal of Comhairleoir B. Bermingham, seconded by Comhairleoir S. Martin, An Chomhairle further adopted the following resolution:-

**“RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to the provision of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, that a loan facility not exceeding €1,127,000 to be granted to Galtan Housing Association subject to the terms of the Capital Assistance Scheme”

## 12.6 **DISPOSALS**

An Chomhairle approved the following Disposals:

### **Property Disposal**

- a) Disposal of site approximately 402.7m<sup>2</sup> situated at John Redmond Street Cork to Mr. Thomas Coyle, c/o Kieran Murphy & Co., Solicitors, 9, The Crescent, Galway for the sum of €250,000 plus rent of €10 per annum if demanded.
- b) Disposal of land approximately 7,411m<sup>2</sup> in area situated at Beaumont, Cork, by way of 99 year Sporting Lease to the Trustees of Avondale United Football Club, c/o Sean McCarthy, Solicitors, Crosses Green, Cork, at an annual rent of €5.00 plus costs.
- c) Disposal of land approximately 8,183m<sup>2</sup> in area situated at Tory Top Park, Ballyphehane, Cork, by way of 99 year Sporting Lease to the Trustees of Kilreen Celtic Football Club, c/o Finbarr Murphy, Solicitor, Lee White House, 8, Washington Street, Cork, at an annual rent of €5.00 plus costs.
- d) Disposal of land approximately 1.48 hectares together with right of way situated at Mahon, Cork, by way of 99 year Sporting Lease to The Trustees of Blackrock National Hurling Club, at an annual rent of €5.00.
- e) Disposal of property at No. 20, Connaught Place, Wellington Road, Cork to Dolores O' Connor and David O' Shea, c/o O' Donovans Solicitors, 73 Capel Street, Dublin 2 for the sum of €500,000.00.

### **Shared Ownership**

- a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises situated at and known as No. 8, Brandon Crescent, Dillon's Cross, Cork held by Cork City Council under Lease dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1996 to Edmund Smith and Sabine Amonn for the sum of €33,187.12.

### **Fee Simple**

- a) Fee simple interest in dwellinghouse and premises known as “Caroline”, Iona Park, Mayfield, Cork to Maureen O’Brien, c/o Barry Turnbull & Co., Solicitors, 33/34, Washington Street West, Cork, for the sum of €76.10 together with costs in the sum of €250.00.

13. **CONTINUATION OF MEETING**

An Chomhairle agreed to continue the meeting beyond 8.30 p.m. and agreed unanimously that the meeting would finish at 8.45 p.m.

14. **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE – 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008**

14.1 **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2008, on the progress of ongoing Roadworks Programme for month ended December, 2007.

14.2 **RESURFACE FOOTPATH – CONGRESS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the footpath outside 25 to 31 Congress Road be immediately resurfaced.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/410)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the footpath outside 25 to 31 Congress Road will be inspected any repairs considered necessary will be carried out.

14.3 **ONE WAY SYSTEM 98 STREET GILABBEY ST TO NOONANS ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put a one way system in place on 98 Street from Gilabbey St. to Noonans Road, and consideration be given to inclusion on next years traffic calming programme.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin. 06/461)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that 98 Street was made one-way from Gillabbey Street to Noonan Road at the end of November 2007.

98 Street is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

**14.4 TRAFFIC CALMING ON ST THERESA'S ROAD GURRANABRAHER**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council Roads Department put in place Traffic calming measures on St. Theresa's Road Gurranabraher.'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/251)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that St Theresa' Road is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

**14.5 SURVEY – GLENFIELDS PARK, BALLYVOLANE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council would survey Glenfields Park Ballyvolane with the view to putting in place Traffic calming measures'

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/270)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Glenfields Park, Ballyvolane will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme. The 2007 schemes have already been selected.

**14.6 PLACING A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE MIDDLE GLANMIRE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That due to the overriding concern of parents and elderly people; that Cork City Council road engineers be instructed to find a means of placing a pedestrian crossing on the middle Glanmire Road (near St Lukes cross).’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Murphy 07/393)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that a new refurbishment scheme for St. Luke’s Cross is being formulated at the moment. Provision of safe pedestrian crossing facilities on the approaches to the junction are part of the issues being dealt with. A crossing on Middle Glanmire Road is particularly important because of the presence of the nearby primary school.

The final proposal will be subject to a public consultation process and then submitted to Council for approval.

**14.7 RESURFACING OF THE GROVE ROAD FARRANLEA PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘I am calling on Cork City Council to resurface the road in “The Grove”, Farranlea Park as it is in extremely poor condition.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 07/397)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that “The Grove”, Farranlea Park will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

**14.8 CARRIAGEWAY TO BE RESURFACED**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the main carriageway at Belair be resurfaced in 2008. It is in a very bad state of repair, and is a main traffic route.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/417)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the main carriageway at Belair will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

**14.9 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT KILLEENS PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That traffic calming measures be put in place at Killeens Place, Farranree.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 07/423)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Killeen’s Place is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

**14.10 RESURFACING THE ROAD – SILVERSPRINGS COURT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council make provisions in the 2008 Estimate of Expenses for resurfacing the roadway between nos. 43 and 64, Silversprings Court, Silversprings.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/424)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Silversprings Court will be considered for inclusion in our 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

**14.11 DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT MARYVILLE ESTATE BALLINTEMPL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That double yellow lines would be placed at Maryville Estate, Ballintemple (main road to CAB) due to cars being parked at the entrance to the residents drives.’

(Proposes Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/427)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Maryville Estate, Ballintemple will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if appropriate, yellow lines will be provided at the entrance to the residents drives.

**14.12 REPAIR OF FOOTPATH ON PEARSE ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the section of footpath on Pearse Road between the Church and Maria Assumpta Convent School be renewed as it is in poor condition and is used by a large amount of pedestrians.’

(Proposer Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/429)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the section of footpath on Pearse Road between the Church and Maria Assumpta Convent School will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Footpath Renewal Programme.

**14.13 PREVENT INDISCRIMINATE PARKING IN CONNOLLY PARK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That measures are taken to prevent:

- (a) Indiscriminate parking in Connolly Park (off Pouladuff Road)
- (b) This housing estate from being used as an unofficial extension to the adjoining UCC Park and Ride facility’

(Proposer Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/430)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Connolly Park is outside the current Disc parking Zone (DPZ). A new DPZ extension scheme will be put forward to Council for consideration in the near future. Connolly Park will be included in the proposals.

Pay parking controls in Connolly Park will solve the current parking problems in the park associated with the nearby UCC Park & Ride facility.

**14.14 RAMPS INSTALLED AT GLENTHORN MEWS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That ramps be provided at Glenthorn mews as it is now being used as a main thoroughfare resulting in risk to locals.’

(Proposer Cllr. P. Gosch 07/431)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Glenthorn Mews will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 Roads Programme. The 2007 schemes have already been selected.

#### **14.15 TO FIT HANDRAILS ALONG DUBLIN HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would fit handrails on the footpath on Dublin Hill between the Long Lane and the entrance to Glenthorn Estate as well as between Glenthorn Estate and the railway bridge on Dublin Hill in view of the height of the footpath over the main road which is extremely dangerous.’

(Proposer Cllr. P. Gosch 07/435)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the erection of railing will be considered for inclusion in our 2008 Programme.

#### **14.16 TO CLOSE THE ALLEYWAY ALONG THE OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council take immediate measures to close the alleyway leading from Murmont Circle to Murmont Villas, Old Youghal Road due to ongoing antisocial behaviour.’

(Proposer Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/436)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the laneway leading from Murmont Circle to Murmont Villas, Old Youghal Road is included in the current list of requested laneway closures and will be available for prioritisation by Ward Members in the 2008 programme of works, subject to funding constraints.

#### **14.17 SPEED RAMPS AT FAIRFIELD ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council put in place speed ramps at Fairfield Road, Farranree in order to reduce speeding in the area.’

(Proposer Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/437)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Fairfield Road is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

#### **14.18 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN STRAWBERRY HILL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would take some traffic calming measures in place at the bottom of Strawberry Hill, Shanakiel and also a sign indication that Strawberry Hill is unsuitable for heavy traffic.

(Proposer Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/442)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Strawberry Hill will be added to the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme. Discussions will be held with the Gardaí on the appropriateness of providing a sign discouraging heavy goods vehicles from using the roadway and if agreement is reached, the sign will be erected.

#### **14.19 INCLUDE SYCAMORE PLACE ON ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Sycamore Place, Togher would be included in the Roads Resurfacing Programme for 2008.'

(Proposer Cllr. J. Buttiner 07/443)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Sycamore Place, Togher will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

#### **14.20 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - WELL ROAD, DOUGLAS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That the Traffic Department of City Council would survey the Well Road, Douglas and consider it for Traffic calming measures, given the high volume and speed of traffic in what is still a residential road'

(Proposer Cllr. L. Mc Gonigle 07/448)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Well Road is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 Roads Programme. The 2007 schemes have already been selected.

#### **14.21 REDUCE SIZE OF GREEN NEAR NO. 34 CLOVER HILL ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That the size of the green area near No. 39 Clover Hill Estate be reduced as to make easy access for service vehicles i.e. rubbish trucks, as this is a very narrow stretch of road.'

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O'Flynn 07/348)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that we will consider reducing the size of the green area near No 39 Clover Hill Estate subject to the approval of the Parks Department and to securing funding to cover the cost of this work.

**14.22 TRAFFIC CALMING IN EDWARD WALSH ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would please consider traffic calming measures in Edward Walsh Road, Togher as part of its 2007 road works programme.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. Kingston 07/363)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Edward Walsh Road is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the ads Programme.

**14.23 TRAFFIC CALMING IN HOLLYWOOD ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Council would install traffic calming measures in Hollywood Estate in the interest of residents.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. O’Callaghan 07/370)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Holyhead Estate is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the 2008 Roads Programme. The 2007 schemes have already been selected

**14.24 TRAFFIC CALMING AT SUNNYSIDE, BEECHWOOD PARK, BELMONT PARK AND BELMONT AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That the areas of Sunnyside, Beechwood Park, Belmont Park and Belmont Avenue, Ballinlough would be surveyed by the Traffic Department of City Council and considered for Traffic calming measures, given the high volume and speed of traffic in these areas and the close proximity to three local primary schools, namely St. Anthony’s, Our Lady of Lourdes and Eglantine.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/378)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the areas of Sunnyside, Beechwood Park, Belmont Park and Belmont Avenue, Ballinlough are already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

#### **14.25 PUBLIC LIGHTING AT THE LOUGH**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Council allocate funding in the 2008 Estimates for the upgrading of the Public Lighting at The Lough as it is unrealistic to expect the Ward Fund to cover a project of this scale.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 07/380)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that a scheme for the upgrading of the lighting at the Lough has been designed. The Recreation & Amenity Directorate are seeking capital funding to enable the work to be carried out in 2008.

#### **14.26 REDUCE WIDTH OF FOOTPATHS AT WHITETHORN ESTATE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would assess the feasibility of reducing the width of the footpaths on both sides of Whitethorn Estate, Douglas Road, by fifteen inches, so as to increase the width of the very narrow roadway.’

(Proposer: Cllr. L. McGonigle 07/381)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that we will consider reducing the footpath widths and increasing the carriageway width at Whitethorn, Douglas Road, the next time the estate is being resurfaced.

**14.27 PLATE TO BE ERECTED FOR MERVUE LAWN**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a name plate be erected for Mervue Lawn at the junction to Ballyhooly Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/271)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Mervue Lawn will be added to the list of locations where the erection of a nameplate has been requested. At this point in time the waiting period for the erection of a nameplate is in excess of one year due to the large number of requests on file.

**14.28 CALMING MEASURES – MARY AIKENHEAD PLACE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department put in place Traffic Calming Measures in Mary Aikenhead Place, Gurranabraher.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/272)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Mary Aikenhead Place, Gurranabraher is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

**14.29 THE ROAD IN PARKMEADE CLOSE, PARKLANDS**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'I am calling on Cork City Council to resurface the road in Parkmeade Close, Parklands as a matter of urgency due to the number of large potholes in the area.'

(Proposer: Cllr D. Mc Carthy 07/401)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Parkmeade Close will be considered for inclusion on our 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

#### 14.30 **YELLOW BOXES BE INSTALLED ON THE SKEHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That yellow boxes be installed on the Skehard Road at Cloverlawn & Kilbarack Lawn, and a ramp be installed at the entrance to both estates.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Shannon 07/418)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the junctions on Skehard Road at Cloverlawn & Kilbarack Lawn will be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate yellow boxes will be installed there.

#### 14.31 **FOOTPATHS AT MURMONT CRESCENT**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

'That Cork City Council include footpaths at Murmont Crescent in the 2008 footpath reinstatement programme.'

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/425)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the footpath at Murmont Crescent will be considered for inclusion in our 2008 Footpath Renewal Programme.

#### 14.32 **YELLOW BOX JUNCTION IN BLACKROCK**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That a yellow box junction would be placed at the entrance to Berlingford drive Church Road, Blackrock to allow the residents easier access in and out of this estate as the residents have great difficulty exiting their estate.’

(Proposer Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/432)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the junction on Church Road at the junction with Berlingford Drive be examined in conjunction with the Gardaí and if it is deemed appropriate a yellow box will be installed there.

14.33 **PUBLIC LIGHTING – MEELECK PARK – LEEDS FOOTBALL GROUND**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council provide public lighting on the laneway from Meelick Park to Leeds Football Ground as there is ongoing antisocial behaviour and vandalism affecting the residents of Kempton Park, Meelick Park and Chapel Gate.

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/455)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the public lighting quality around Meelick Park to Leeds Football Ground will be examined and any necessary upgrade works to bring the lighting quality to modern standards will be designed and put forward for consideration to be included in the roads programme.

14.34 **GATES INSTALLED AT HILL LANE/ FRIARY PLACE ON DOMINIC ST., SHANDON**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That gates be installed at the top and bottom of Hill Lane/Friary Place on Dominic Street, Shandon due to the anti-social behaviour in the laneway day and night which is causing serious stress to the local residents and also due to the fact that, in the last six months, several houses have been broken into in the laneway where people have broken in and squatted and local elderly residents are being attacked in their own hallway arising for underage drinking.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/459)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that the laneway at Hill Lane/Friary Place, Dominic Street, is included in the current list of requested laneway closures

and will be available for prioritisation by Ward Members in the 2008 programme of works, subject to funding constraints.

14.35 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT ORCHARD ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would agree to introduce traffic calming measures at Orchard Road.’

(Proposer. Cllr J. O’Callaghan 07/460)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Orchard Road is already on the list of areas, where a request for traffic calming has been received. Traffic volume and speed surveys are due to be carried out to determine the extent of the problems in order to identify any possible mitigation measures that could be provided there.

Identified appropriate traffic calming measures will be put forward for consideration to be included in the Roads Programme.

14.36 **EXTRA PARKING SPACES – FAIRFIELD AVENUE**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council as part of its Green Area to Parking provide extra parking spaces on the left-hand side of Fairfield Avenue, Farranree, between Killeen’s Place and Farranferris Place.

(Proposer: Cllr M. O’Connell 07/461)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that at present the budget for this work has been fully allocated. However we will include this area for consideration should funding become available.

14.37 **BOLLARDS TO BE PLACED AT THE JUNCTION OF SHANAKIEL**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council would put bollards at the junction of Shanakiel Road and Ashboro, Shanakiel to stop parking at the corner where a number of accidents have occurred recently’

(Proposer. Cllr. M. O’Connell 07/462)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that this area will be inspected with a view to curtailing parking at the junction. The installation of bollards as a possible solution will be considered.

14.38 **RIVERVIEW, GLASHEEN INCLUDED IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Riverview, Glasheen (off the bus route) be included in the roads resurfacing programme for 2008’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttiner 07/465)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Riverview, Glasheen (off the bus route) will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

14.39 **WOODLAWN, TRAMORE ROAD INCLUDED IN THE ROADS RESURFACING PROGRAMME 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Woodlawn, Tramore Road be included in the roads resurfacing programme for 2008’

(Proposer: Cllr J. Buttiner 07/466)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that Woodlawn, Tramore Road will be considered for inclusion in the 2008 Resurfacing Programme.

14.40 **PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY FROM BLACKPOOL BYPASS TO THOMAS DAVIS STREET**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department make safe the pedestrian walkway from the Blackpool Bypass to Thomas Davis Street.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/250)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that various types of anti social activity, including the throwing of objects at the houses and cars in the Respond Centre, are taking place on the walkway after dark. The erection of a safety mesh and the extinguishment of the right of way are possible solutions. We will examine these and others proposals that may come to light with a view to eliminating the problem.

#### **14.41 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON OLD YOUGHAL ROAD**

An Chomhairle approved the report of the A/Director of Services, dated 3rd January, 2008, on the following motion which was referred to the Committee by An Chomhairle.

‘That Cork City Council in the interest of Public Safety immediately install a Pelican/Pedestrian crossing on Old Youghal Road near the entrance to Mayfield Community School.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 07/350)

The report of the A/Director of Services stated that a pelican pedestrian crossing facility will be provided on Old Youghal Road near the entrance to Mayfield Community School. This section of the Old Youghal Road is on the no. 8 Green Route.

The cost of the facility will be paid for by the Green Route project.

#### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

An Chomhairle noted correspondence.

#### **16. CONFERENCES**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance at the following Conferences:

##### **16.1 THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE FOR THE ISLAND OF IRELAND.**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir M. O’Connell at the Challenge of Climate Change for the Island of Ireland Conference held in the Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry on the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.

**16.2 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir L. Kingston at the Local Government Budget 2008 held in the Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co. Wexford on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2007.

**16.3 SEMINAR ON CRIME**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí P. Gosch, C. Clancy, T. Brosnan and T. Shannon at the Seminar on Crime to be held in the Greenhills Hotel, Limerick 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> January, 2008.

**16.4 ANTRIM TOURISM CONFERENCE – FORTY SHADES OF GREEN TOURISM**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon and C. Clancy at the Antrim Tourism Conference – Forty Shades of Green Tourism to be held in the Dunadry Hotel, Muckamore, Dunadry, Co. Antrim on the 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2008.

**16.5 MERRIMAN WINTER SCHOOL 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the Merriman Winter School 2008 to be held in Hotel Westport, Westport, Co. Mayo on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2008.

**16.6 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SERVICE**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí T. Shannon and J. Kelleher at the Local Government Planning Service Conference to be held in Clonea Strand Hotel, Clonea, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2008.

**16.7 PLANNING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Brosnan at the Planning for Renewable Energy Conference to be held at the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick on 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.

**16.8 AMAI SPRING SEMINAR 2008**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoirí G. O’Flynn, C. Clancy, J. Kelleher and T. Shannon at the AMAI Spring Seminar 2008 to be held in the Trim Castle Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath on the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.

16.9 **BETTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT – IS IT WORKING**

An Chomhairle approved the attendance of Comhairleoir T. Shannon at the Better Local Government – Is it Working Conference to be held at the Talbot Hotel, Wexford on the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.

17. **MOTION DEFERRED FROM THE MEETING OF AN CHOMHAIRLE HELD ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007.**

17.1 **RESTORATION OF THE ROCK OF CASHEL**

**An Chomhairle deferred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-**

“The 4<sup>th</sup> Century Rock of Cashel with its collection of ancient walls, towers and halls in one of the most enduring images of Ireland”

‘This Council request the Government to give favourable consideration to funding is complete restoration with Irish natural materials to enhance and enable ancient Irish cultural activities arts and music to find a national home henceforth’

(Proposer: Cllr. B. Birmingham 07/453)

18. **MOTIONS**

An Chomhairle referred the following motions to the relevant Committee:-

18.1 **CAPWELL ROAD – DOUBLE YELLOW LINES**

‘That Cork City Council extend the double yellow lines by one car length each end of Capwell Road to facilitate traffic entering and leaving the road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/503)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.2 **HEATHERTON – LANDSCAPING & GREEN AREA**

‘That Cork City Council compel the developer of Heatherton Park South Douglas Road to

- (a) Re instate the Green Areas following the construction of a new pumping station and any ancillary works.
- (b) The reinstatement of the road openings following the laying of a new pipe.
- (c) And other re instatements and landscaping because of above works.

(d) The immediate taking in charge of Heatherton and Heatherton Park, by Cork City Council.

(Proposer: Cllr. S. Martin 06/504)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

18.3 **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – HAWTHORN MEWS**

‘That Cork City Roads Department put in place Traffic Calming Measures in Hawthorn Mews.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/273)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.4 **SURVEY OF MERVUE LAWN**

‘That Cork City Council Roads Department Survey Mervue Lawn with the view to putting in place Traffic Calming measures.’

(Proposer: Cllr. C. Clancy 07/357)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.5 **ROAD LEADING INTO BALLINLOUGH PITCH AND PUTT TO BE RESURFACED**

‘That the road leading into Ballinlough Pitch and Putt Club be resurfaced, as it is in a very bad state of disrepair.’

(Proposer: T.Shannon 07/420)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.6 **FOOTPATH BE INSTALLED ON THE SOUTH DOUGLAS ROAD**

‘That a footpath be installed on the South Douglas Road, opposite Claremont Cottages to facilitate pedestrians who have to live and walk here.’

(Proposer: T.Shannon 07/421)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.7 **LIGHTS BE INSTALLED IN THE CAR PARK ON CASTLE ROAD BLACKROCK**

‘That lights would be installed in the car park on Castle Road Blackrock as to stop anti- social behaviour in this location,’

(Proposer Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/433)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.8 **ROAD SWEEPER FOR THE CITY BOUND BUS STOP**

‘I propose that Cork City Council would provide the services of a manual road sweeper in the vicinity of the city bound bus stop on the Model Farm Road (near the junction of Melbourn Road) to remove litter until such time as a bin is provided at this bus stop.’

(Proposer Cllr. D. McCarthy 07/438)

**Environment Functional Committee**

18.9 **SAFETY AUDIT OF ALL CORK CITY SCHOOLS**

‘That a safety audit of all Cork City schools be taken in order to assess the safety issues if any, affecting each school such as the absence of yellow lines, pedestrian crossings, school wardens, warning signs etc’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/469)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

18.10 **COBBLE STONES TO BE RELAYED AT ROMAN, ST DOMINICK STREET**

‘That the cobble stones which have been dug up and tarmaced at Roman St, Dominick St, Dominick St and at the entrance area of Shandon be reinstated as the whole place is an eyesore as a result of Cork City Council’s failure to reinstate these cobble stones adequately.’

(Proposer: Cllr. P. Gosch 07/470)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**18.11 FOOTPATHS IN CRESENT BEAUMONT DRIVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ROADS PROGRAMME FOR 2008**

‘That the footpaths in the Crescent Beaumont Drive Blackrock would be included in the roads programme for 2008 as they are in very poor condition.’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. O’Flynn 07/471)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**18.12 WATER CHARGES FOR SCHOOLS**

**An Chomhairle deferred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-**

‘I propose that Cork City Council would call on the Government to use the same ingenuity that they used to retain duty on cars despite an EU directive (now called VRT) to ensure that water charges are not charged to schools. If there is no way around these charges. I propose that a cap of 1euro per school per year apply.

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Mc Carthy 07/473)

**18.13 TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY ON CATHEDRAL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council conduct a traffic calming study on Cathedral Road from the entrance of the Church of the Ascension to the junction at Gurranabraher Road, with a view to slowing down the traffic, which is of concern to the residents in this area.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/474)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**18.14 BULKY GOODS COLLECTION IN FARRANREE**

‘That Cork City Council conducts a Bulky Goods collection in the Farranree area.

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Fitzgerald 07/475)

**Environment Functional Committee**

**18.15 CORK DOCKLANDS FORUM**

**An Chomhairle deferred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-**

‘That this Council welcomes the setting up and appointment of the Cork Docklands Forum but deplores the fact that it does not include any elected public representatives’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 07/477)

**18.16 FULL TIME LIBRARY ASSISTANT DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF THE “HOUSE BOUND”**

**An Chomhairle deferred the following motion to the next meeting of An Chomhairle:-**

‘That this Council congratulates the library service on the operation of its service for the “House Bound”. That in order to guarantee its operation at all times, a full time Library assistant, dedicated to this service, be employed’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Ahern 07/478)

**18.17 DISC PARKING REGULATIONS TO BE RELAXED IN SUBURBAN AREAS AT WEEKENDS**

‘That council calls for Disc Parking regulations to be relaxed in suburban areas on Saturday’s as there is no serious need for such measures at weekends.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/001)

**Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee**

**18.18 CORK CITY COUNCIL TO ERECT SIGNS ON ALL THE MAIN ARTERIES INTO CORK**

‘That Cork City Council would erect signs on all the main arteries into Cork, Welcoming people to the City and wishing them well as they leave  
Signs should be artistically designed to reflect the fact that we are a European Capital of Culture and mention our twin Cities.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. O’Driscoll 08/002)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**18.19 PLAQUE TO BE ERECTED IN MEMORY OF THE LATE CHRISTY RING**

‘That an appropriate plaque be erected of the former residence of the late Christy Ring i.e. The Fountain Café of Grand Parade to Commemorate his outstanding service to the sporting life of Cork’

(Proposer: Cllr. D. Counihan 08/003)

**Corporate Policy Group**

**18.20 THAT CORK CITY COUNCIL TAKE SOUTHridge, SILVERSPRINGS IN CHARGE**

‘That Cork City Council take Southridge, Silversprings in charge without further delay’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/004)

**Planning & Development Functional Committee**

**18.21 THAT CORK CITY COUNCIL UNDERTAKE A MAJOR REVIEW OF THE GLEN PARK**

‘That Cork City Council undertakes a major review of the Glen Park with a view to significantly increasing public usage through enhancement of the public realm and be considering introducing a high quality heritage project such as a Folk/Theme Park that would take into consideration the former milling work that used to take place there along with Cork’s historic and continuing role as a major player in the Food industry and that City Council would look to similar Folk/Theme Parks such as are found at Bunratty and Muckross as possible examples to follow.’

(Proposer: Cllr. T. Brosnan 08/005)

**Recreation Amenity & Culture Functional Committee**

**18.22 TRAFFIC MEASURES ON CATHEDRAL ROAD**

‘That Cork City Council would investigate the possibility of providing traffic calming measures on Cathedral Road between the church of The Ascension and Gurranabraher Credit Union and they might also consider providing a controlled crossing at the entrance to the church on Cathedral Road.’

(Proposer: Cllr. M. O’Connell 08/006)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**18.23 HOUSING & V.E.C. WOULD LOOK AT THE LONG TERM VIABILITY OF THE SPORTS HALL AJACENT TO MACSWINEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

'That Cork City Council's Housing Dept and the V.E.C. would look at the long-term viability of the sports hall adjacent to MacSwiney Community College and in particular as it now stands practically in the middle of the new Affordable Housing Scheme in Hollyhill with the possibility of it being located within the grounds of Leisureworld, Churchfield where there would be sufficient room to develop an indoor sports facility such as boxing, soccer, and basketball where there is ample parking spaces and it could be managed within the current management structure of Leisureworld. Also the Housing Dept could look at other possibilities for the site in Hollyhill Lane.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M'O'Connell 08/007)

**Housing & Community Functional Committee**

**18.24 COFFEE DOCK BE REMOVED FROM OUTSIDE THE GATES OF BISHOP LUCY PARK**

'I am requesting the City Manager to ensure that the recently erected concrete structure known as "Coffee Dock" is removed from outside the beautifully restored historical façade and gates of Bishop Lucy Park, Grand Parade. This structure is totally out of character with the streetscape and obstructs the view of the beautiful entrance to the park.'

(Proposer: Cllr. M. Shields 08/009)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**18.25 FOOTPATHS BE REPLACED IN WOODLAWN, MODEL FARM ROAD**

'That the footpaths in Woodlawn, Model Farm Road be replaced and repaired as a matter of urgency'

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttiner 08/011)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

**18.26 PARKING CONTROL MEASURES BE PUT IN PLACE IN LEESDALE,  
MODEL FARM ROAD**

‘That additional double yellow lines and other parking control measures would be put in place in Leesdale, Model Farm Road following public consultation and monitoring of on-street parking during peak college (Fás and CIT ) times.’

(Proposer: Cllr. J. Buttiner 08/012)

**Roads & Transportation Functional Committee**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**ARDMHÉARA  
CATHAOIRLEACH**